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Melanie Beth Gall

Trustee James Ferguson displays the sweat suit presented to him in an old locker by Provost Sidney Wertimer. Chairman of the Board Mac Bristol looks on from the podium.

Large Crowd Attends Fieldhouse Dedication; No Occupancy Until November

After years of planning and construction, the Fieldhouse was dedicated last Saturday, although student occupancy is not expected till November.

In front of a large crowd of alumni, students and faculty, on the steps of the new Emerson Lobby, James L. Ferguson, charter trustee of Hamilton College, gave the dedication speech. Ferguson spoke of the "implications of this handsome new addition to the Hamilton campus."

"I submit that, in constructing this new complex, Hamilton has made a clear statement that a firm grounding in liberal arts is essential to the complete fulfillment of one's role in society," said the trustee.

Besides Ferguson, Cedric Oliver '79 and Patty Stronach '80, spoke of their involvement in the athletic program here. Oliver, a three-year star of the varsity basketball team, was voted most valuable player in the ECAC for the third year in a row last year.

President J. Martin Carovano and Chairman of the Board William Bristol also spoke at the ribbon-cutting ceremony.

In an interview several days after the dedication Provost Sidney Wertimer said "there is so much yet to be done" within the structure. The floor must be waxed and sealed, shelving around the perimeter needs to be installed, and the tracks and netting to divide the room must be put in place.

A major cause of delay has been eliminated, Wertimer said. The design called for bleachers without aisles, but Oneida County law says that is not acceptable. Twelve miles away, however, in Madison and Onandaga Counties, it would be allowed. "We finally cut the bureaucratic red tape in Albany, and got approval for the design," Wertimer said.

The 7000 pieces of wheels, frame and wood for the bleachers is scheduled to arrive October 23, and Wertimer estimates that it will take 10 days to assemble. After that, the fieldhouse should be ready, although the squash courts won't be done until Thanksgiving.

It's all smiles as the honored guests snip the ribbon that flanks the newly completed Emerson Lobby. Although the fieldhouse was officially dedicated last Saturday, it won't be ready for occupancy until November.

Rosenfeld Tenured: Three Under Review

The Board of Trustees at its weekend meeting granted tenure to William Rosenfeld, professor of English, according to W. Lawrence Gulick, dean of the college.

Rosenfeld, a former Kirkland professor of creative writing, is the first Kirkland faculty member to receive tenure at Hamilton.

Three other former Kirkland professors are currently under review for tenure. They are: Peter Marcy, professor of history; Phyllis Morris, associate professor of philosophy; and Bruce Muirhead, associate professor of art. Nadine George, assistant professor of classics, had initially asked to be reviewed, but has since withdrawn that request, according to Gulick.

George and the other former Kirkland faculty members at Hamilton, will be reviewed for tenure over the next four years, when both they and their departments agree there is enough material to evaluate.

If Marcy, Morris and Muirhead--all of whom were tenured at Kirkland--do not receive tenure at this time, they will have another opportunity for review over the next few years, according to Gulick. One of those cases should be ready for trustee action by its December meeting, Gulick said.

Last year, Hamilton agreed to give all tenured Kirkland faculty members four-year appointments, with the understanding that they would come up for tenure review, if they so desired, sometime during that period.

New Trustees Reflect Coed College

by Rick Arnold

The Hamilton Board of Trustees last weekend elected seven new Charter Trustees, five of whom are women. The Board also elected one emeritus trustee, also a woman.

In welcoming the newly elected trustees to the Hamilton Board, Chairman of the Board William M. Bristol III applauded the appointments, saying that these new trustees reflect Hamilton's transition to a coeducational institution.

Noting that six of the trustees had served on the Kirkland Board of Trustees, Bristol made mention of their assets to Hamilton now.

"Their background of service to Kirkland will be enormously helpful as we move ahead with coeducational Hamilton."

Two of the trustees were members of the upper echelons while serving on the Kirkland Board. The new trustees are:

Francis Musselman, a 1950 Hamilton graduate, and former Chairman of the Kirkland Board, earned a law degree at Columbia University and is now a member of a New York City law firm.

Eugenie Aquier Havemeyer, a Vassar College graduate, was the Vice Chairman of the Kirkland Board. She is now pursuing her doctorate in educational psychology, at Columbia University.

Other former Kirkland trustees elected to the Board include Elizabeth J. McCormack, formerly the President of Manhattanville College and currently a director for General Foods Corporation; Patricia Taussig Marshall, Vice President of Foresight Foundation, Inc. in New York City; Elizabeth Kneisel, a 1974 Kirkland graduate, formerly worked at Time, Inc., now a law student at Catholic University in Washington; Donald R. Osborn, a lawyer in a New York City firm, and director of CBS, Inc.

The only new trustee who did not serve on the Kirkland Board is Mrs. C. Mitchell Wenigmann, who is Chairman of the Mt. Monadnok Arts and Council. She is the wife of C.M. Wenigmann, a 1944 Hamilton graduate. Their son Peter graduated from Hamilton in 1973.

Bristol also announced that Mrs. Robert McEwen, widow of the former Hamilton President and Kirkland trustee emeritus, was elected Trustee Emeritus of Hamilton.

Elizabeth McCormack

Eugenie Havemeyer

Inside...

-Did you get closed out of Eco 100? Are you angered by the overcrowding in Public Speaking? For an in-depth report on overenrollment at Hamilton and its implications for education on the Hill, turn to page 6.

-Did you wonder what that loud noise was that blares out of windows around campus? It's all part of stereo wars, a not-so-new affliction at this college community. Story on page 9.

A Giant Step

This past weekend, the Hamilton Board of Trustees made a giant step towards making its ranks more adaptable to a new coed institution. By voting in six women and six former Kirkland Trustees, the board has signalled that indeed, after almost a year and a half of struggle, movement towards the "best of both worlds" is still a possibility. The board, which has been dominated by males for all of its 166 year history, has opened its doors. While we are not at the end of the tunnel, things are nevertheless looking brighter.

Alice Wicks

It won't be easy to fill the gap left by next week's departure of Alice Wicks. Secretary to more provosts and other administrators tnat anyone can recall, Mrs. Wicks has been serving the campus on and off for the last forty years, and steadily for the last twenty or twenty-five. She knows more about the college than anyone else, and as Sid Wertimer said recently, is one of the really great women at the college. Her first appointment here was as secretary to Frank Ristine, dean of the college in the thirties. After leaving the college to marry and raise a family, she returned to serve as secretary to Wallace Johnson, who was then secretary of the college, and after that to Provost Richard Couper and Martin Carovano before Wertimer was appointed to the post. Patient, modest, and always smiling, we'd like to say thank you, Mrs. Wicks, for everything.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Freedom For Fraternities

TO THE EDITOR:

Your most recent editorial attack on fraternities seems to be inconsistent with other editorial positions. The Spectator has taken in the recent past. The Spectator has always supported greater student self government and greater student input into decisions affecting the college community. Suddenly, in its zeal to knock fraternities off their pedestals, the Spectator has reversed its position entirely. By calling for further regulation of fraternities The Spectator has endorsed increased control by the Hamilton administration of students', specifically frat members' affairs.

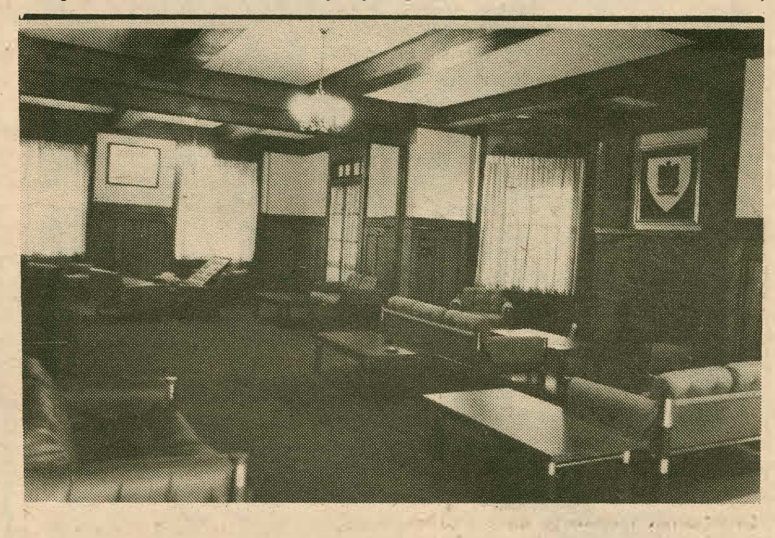
Through a fraternity a student can exercise significant control over many decisions which affect him. A fraternity controls its own room and board budgets which may total well over $80,000.00. The frat members allocate this money according to their own preferences. A frat member does not have to write The Spectator concerning the quality of food or the condition of his room with only the hope that someone with the power to do something will listen, as in the case with students who pay college room and board. Instead of being frustrated with red tape, a frat member voices his opinion at a house meeting and then votes on the issue which has been raised. Frat members govern themselves.

Fraternity members and the alumni who oversee the operation of most fraternities are as concerned with Hamilton's reputation as the administration is. If the fraternities need cleaning up they are willing and capable of handling it themselves. The help and advice of the Dean are welcomed, but his mandatory rules are not.

Over the past few years I have seen numerous attempts by students to gain more power over campus decisions turned away by the Hamilton administration and Board of Trustees. The Spectator supported these attempts. Now why is The Spectator supporting the administrations attempt to gain more influence over organizations which are run entirely and for the students, namely the fraternities?

The Spectator has allowed the desire to shake up the fraternities to overcome its commitment to support students' regulations of their own affairs. When bias dominates a long standing commitment, the credibility of The Spectator has to be questioned.

DON SCHNEIDER '79



Sex Is No Joke

TO THE EDITOR:

We would like to voice a strong complaint against last week's classified ad "Sex For Money." We were told this was a joke. As this type of advertisement can be found in any number of magazines and newspapers, with no humor intended, why would it be considered humorous when placed in the Spectator? Prostitution is an activity which exploits women as objects of sex, an advertisement about prostitution in effect shows that the editorial staff condones it. A joke about it simply isn't funny. As the Spectator is a campus newspaper, and as this sort of humor is an affront to most women as well as some men, from the college and elsewhere, then to allow this advertisement to be placed was in very poor taste.

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LETTER POLICY

The Spectator welcomes correspondence from our readers. Letters must be typed and signed, and should be in the office by 4 p.m. Wednesdays for inclusion in that Friday's publication. We reserve the right to edit letters for length and libelous content. Because of space limitations, we request that letters be kept under 300 words.

Clean Frats Strike Back

TO THE EDITOR:

The editorial on fraternity cleanliness apparently found everything important except the facts. Lacking both clarity and fairness, one can only infer that its author is either a struggling Neanderthal mentality or an anti-fraternity fanatic (if not both). The author's prime intention (of course) was to smear fraternity members; I mean, who isn't hopping on the anti-frat bandwagon these days? A few cute and abusive ad hominems and the issue is dispensed with, right? (e.g., implicitly equating fraternities with "pig sties".) Well, anything in the name of "objectivity."

However, let's get to the point of the matter. By ignoring or evading the facts, the author permitted him/her self to draw the hopelessly invalid conclusion that if a frat doesn't want the College getting on its case, then it had just better clean up its act.

Well, I beg to differ here. Allow me to point out that administrative interference with fraternity affairs, and fraternity affairs *per se* are logically two different things; the former deals with a question of power whereas the latter pertains to notions of self-responsibility. This distinction was obliterated in the rush to be cute and "cheap shot" the fraternities.

One might also note three brief points. First, frats don't have to be dirty, and usually they aren't. Three times stand out as exceptions to this: (l) when school begins, (2) when it ends, and (3) after a party. Second, contrary to the editorial's selective ignorance, I would not be over-generalizing to say that frat members do not view themselves as living in "pig sties." Without succumbing to the "rah-rah" of frat mythology, one could claim that a sense of pride is, in principle, sufficient to guarantee adequately clean living conditions. And the facts would indicate that such is the case since fraternities are clean most of the time, the exceptions being those noted above. Third, "clean" - like "cleanliness" - is a relative term. An appropriate question is, "Clean in relation to what?" If we applied a "white glove" test, and applied it equitably, does anyone really believe that fraternities would be the dirtiest places on campus?

MARK SCHMOLLINGER '79

In A Slump

TO THE EDITOR:

What's going on in the Economics Department? Over the last weekend I spoke with five seniors majoring in economics. Not one could define the difference beteween yen and Swiss francs, let alone how the commercial paper market operates. C'mon Hamilton, shape up.

JOHN R. PARTRIDGE '67

Promise or Threat?

TO THE EDITOR:

Beware capitalist pigs. Monday's little power outage was no accident. We now have the technology to bring you down on your knees. If these demands and future demands are not met we will do what we have to: Demand number one-remove the desks from the Red Pit. Demand number two-have Olive exhumed to determine the true nature of her untimely death with an open inquest. Demand number three-change the name of Babbitt Hall back to B Dorm.

We give you until Saturday.

Beware.

POPULAR FRONT FOR THE LIBERATION OF THE APPLE REPUBLIC (PFLAR)

Editor's Note: After losing the original copy of this letter, Ace Reporter Philip Ruppel, having contacted the terrorists, fought against the clock to extract a second copy of the note. With Number Two Ace Reporter Rick Parrott listening in on the phone's other extension, Ruppel, using stenographic skills unparalleled in the western hemisphere, got the complete letter, spelling mistakes and all. Fighting back laughter, Ruppel and Parrott successfully convinced the terrorists that the Spectator believed them, which of course it does.

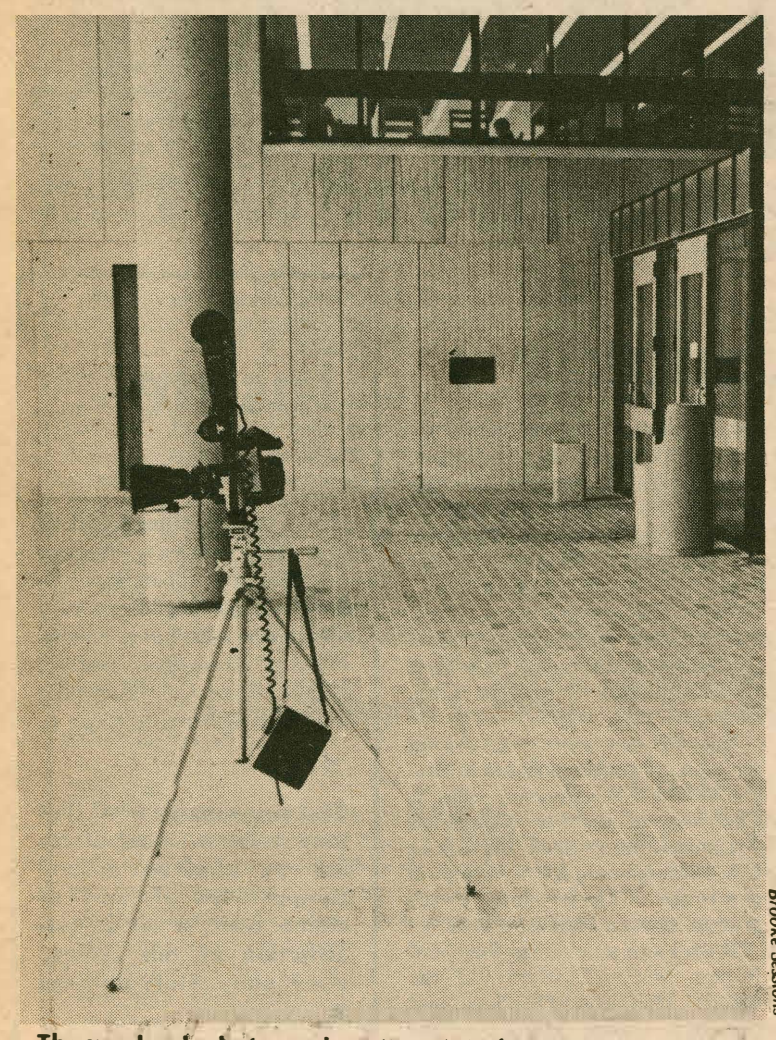
Freezeout

TO THE EDITOR:

When does the heat come on in South Dorm? My palm tree is shriveling up and my fish are requesting electric blankets. Must one of us die from a fahrenheit deficiency before the physical plant responds to our futile pleas for thermal kinetic energy? Maybe they can beam over some of the excess hot air so readily available up there at the physical plant!

JOE HOLLIDAY '79

Smile



Brooke Sessions

The yearbook photographer steps out of the picture for a moment, pausing from his busy schedule of recording each member of the senior class. He'll be back in February.

Guest Spot — Russell Blackwood

On Stealing

In these few comments I wish to propose that

(Any)one should refrain from stealing.

I base this proposal on the maxim that

(Any)one should refrain from attempting to steal because it is impossible to steal,

which I take to be a special case of the more general rubric that

(Any)one should refrain from attempting to do that which it is impossible to do.

(I will take it as granted that one does not steal unless one attempts to steal and that, consequently, if I can show why one should refrain from attempting to steal I have shown why one should refrain from stealing.)

I take as my text Prudhon's aphorism,

"Property is robbery"

although I doubt that he would agree to my conclusions nor I to all of his.

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The reason why it is impossible to attempt to steal is that it is impossible to own. Surely, whatever else it means "to steal" means "to take as one's own what is owned by another," and therefore if it is impossible to own, it is impossible for any other to steal. Although jurists rightly distinguish between ownership and the right to property, for the sake of these comments the distinction can be collapsed: to steal is to take as one's own that which is owned by another, or to claim as one's own property that which is the property of another.

But of the various theories attempting to justify property ownership none really make much sense. The doctrines of *occupatio* of a *res nullius* may show how certain people came by the possession of certain things; but it certainly does not justify that possession. How could the fact that I have shot the flying wild goose, a *res nullius*, be the justification of my ownership of that goose?

The labor theory of value and property, whether Ricardo's or Locke's or another's, is an attractive variant of *occupatio*. In cutting down the tree, understood as a *res nullius*, I have mixed my labor with that tree and thus it is mine. But is this not a classic case of that contagious magic whereby my rights *in personam* are extended to capture some rights *in rem*?

Finally, the notion of property is sometimes defended as an essential ingredient in character-building. Even if there is some merit in this analysis by the Hegelians, surely it is the use of property, not the ownership of it, which makes men free.

Briefly, my argument against the thief is that he is guilty of the same moral error as the alleged owner. In stealing (or attempting to steal), the thief seeks to own. But if the notion of owning is unjustified, then the practice of stealing is unjustified.

Surely it will be objected that I have not answered the stated question, but have only translated it. And this is true. But I do not think the translation insignificant. I have substituted for the Hebraic Decalogue's "Thou shalt not steal" the Buddhist Pancha Sila's "Do not take that which is not given." More importantly, the translation suggests that we substitute for the relationship of ownership another relationship: perhaps that of usufruct, or better (since usufruct implies ownership by another) that of the fiduciary trust. And this should not seem too strange. In recent centuries we have moved away from the notion that a man owns his wife, children, and others. In some states we have decided that a man cannot do what he wills with his horse (for example, beat it) simply because he owns it. Perhaps we have not reached that stage of social development where the mine-owner may no longer strip-mine simply because he owns the land, which is taken to mean that he may do with it as he wills. Rather, the mine is his to administer as a ficudiary trustee, but not as a possessor. This translation, then, argues for a functional theory of property. And when property is justified by a theory of social function the "thief" indeed becomes a violator of certain alleged, but unjustified, rights *in rem*. I think that is an interesting translation.

Russell Blackwood is the John Stuart Kennedy Professor of Philosophy here at Hamilton. All members of the community are welcome to submit articles for a guest column.

Dusty Windows — Jan Sidebotham

Introductions

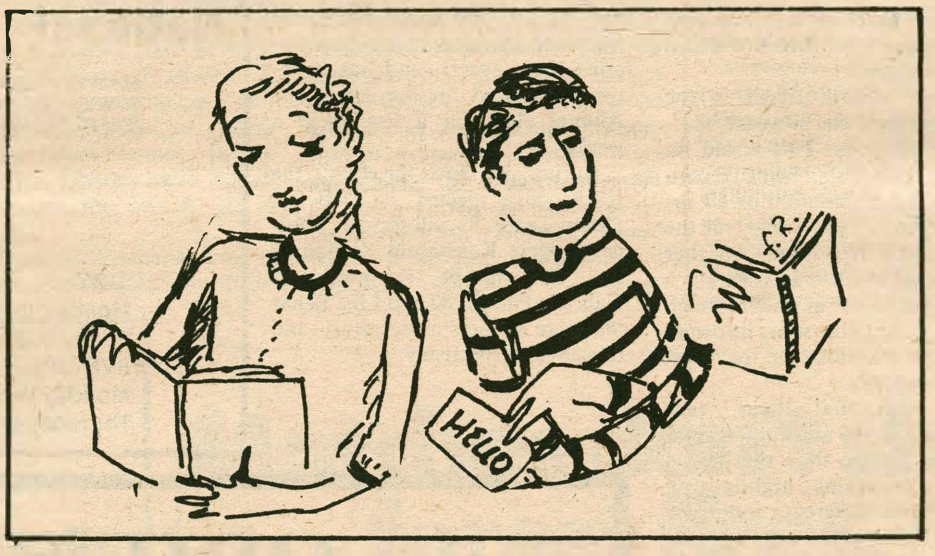
A friend of mine called it a joy to be recognized and acknowledged in the small places of being. That's all we ever want, isn't it? To have someone notice and maybe say hello first.

The other night I went downtown with three other friends to have a drink. As the evening wore on and we got tired-er and punchier and loosened up, we began to exchange stories. They were very particular stories, about unusual encounters with people we didn't know. They were stories about slightly crazy acts that one person did in order to meet or get to know another person. Since *Meeting People* should probably be an introductory course here--at least that's what the incredible Pub-awkwardness-neurosis-paranoia suggests--but because it isn't offered, I think it's worth it to relate these histories.

The first story concerns a boy who I'll call Sam who lives in New York. Being a hotshot high school senior he's hanging out in a bar with his friend, Len. They're in this bar and this beautiful woman walks by and Len starts wondering aloud whether he has the nerve to send a drink, with a note, to her table. (She's an "older woman", by the way). He ends up realizing that he's just talking about doing it and he never really will send the drink. Sam starts this whole Why Not? line, bugging Len to go ahead and do it. They talk about it, Len constantly whining "Aw, no,..I can't." Finally Sam, a truly romantic and innovative soul says: "Well, if you won't do it, I will." Being a crazy high school kid, all heady with his senior status, he does it.

This is a long story, so I have to cut it short. The ending is that the beautiful lady gets his note, sends a reply and then another note and then comes over to their table. Old Sam ends up seeing this woman over several occasions after their encounter in the bar.

The next story has to do with a freshman girl who develops a crush on a person she sees around campus. She doesn't really know how to meet him: she doesn't feel like going through the conventional channels like getting to know his friends first, or walking past his room twenty times a day. Being a freshman, in the full flush of social naivete and feeling anonymous and crazy, she devises a scheme. She's going to give him a note, but she must think it out carefully. She doesn't want to be misunderstood. If she tells him she wants to get to know him, she may commit herself to a disaster--she may not want to *know* him should he be foolish or cruel or deranged. She decides on a simple "I want to meet you" and writes those words on a slip of paper, folds it up and puts it in her pocket. She talks herself in and out of this project and finally reasons that she's communicating something flattering in this gesture. If he wants to mock her for doing something nice, then he's a schmuck and she doesn't want to know him anyway.



Urged on by a friend crazier than herself, she stalks this unsuspecting person in McEwen and while he's getting his milk, she throws the wad of paper on his tray and runs away, out of McEwen, to her room, where she decides that college is a weird place--she would never have done such a thing in her right mind. Oddly enough she and the guy with tray became good friends.

McEwen has seen other similar happenings. I know of a Kirkland student who kept running into a Hamilton student who greeted her by name. She didn't know his name and felt awkward about that, so one evening in the dining hall she pointed him out to the checker and asked the checker to ask him what his name was. When she returned for the report, the checker told her he'd asked if it was this particular woman who had cared to know, and when the checker said yes, he left his name and telephone number.

The interesting thing is that there are so many of these crazy stories. It doesn't really matter whether the note sender and note receiver fall in love or anything...It's just sort of neat that people can lose all sense of social propriety and risk "losing face" and end up making someone feel appreciated.

I guess I'm relating all these incidents to point out that people do want to know each other, and I wish I wasn't so afraid, I wish most people weren't so afraid to express their attraction in direct ways to someone else. I'm not talking about pick-ups or romantic/sexual initiations...I find this aloof defense mechanism on all levels--male-to-male, male-to-female and vice versa, and female-to-female. What I want to emphasize is that: 1) we want to be liked, 2) we like people who make us comfortable (unless we're too hung up on an "unapproachable" image), yet, and here's the paradox: 3) we're afraid to make other people feel good. Why? Because it's not cool, perhaps. I don't know.

And then when someone is friendly we react with shock or something equally inappropriate. My poor father--when he came up here he said hello to everyone, and everyone gave him weird looks. Finally he sort of laughed and said, "I guess you're not supposed to say hi to people you don't know here."

For those who have the courage to be friendly and kind in this desert of remote characters, I wish you the best. For those of us still under the yoke of social hard-to-get rules, I say we are jerks and we're making life harder than it has to be.

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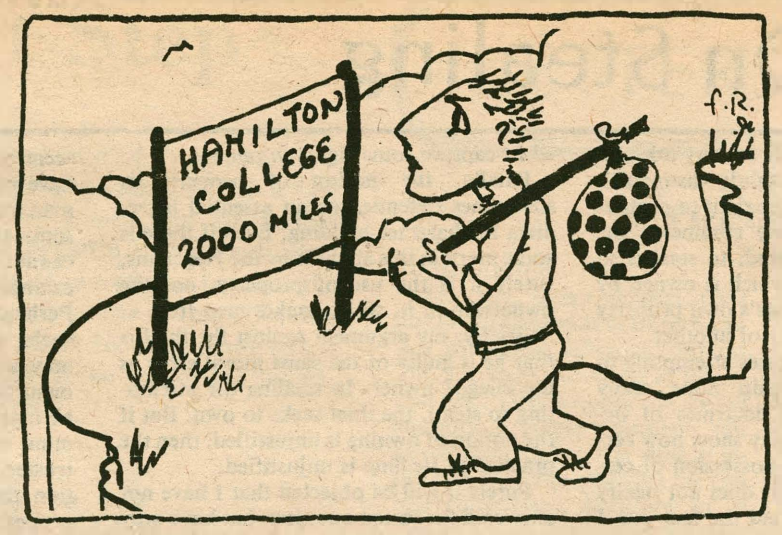
Hamilton Foreign Students Represent 35 Nations



by Ward Lassoe

There are 58 international students attending Hamilton this year. Eight are in the senior class; five are in the junior class; ten are members of the sophomore class; and 35 are in the freshman class.

The following is a list of the foreign countries represented in the school and the number of students from each one: Argentina, 2; Brazil, 2; Bermuda, 1; Canada, 1; Chile, 1; Columbia, 1; Cuba, 1; Cyprus, 2; Denmark, 3; France, 2; Germany, 2; Greece, 9; Holland, 1; Hong Kong, 7; India, 1; Italy, 1; Japan, 1; Jordan, 1; Korea, 1; Lebanon, 1; Mexico, 1; Nigeria, 1; Norway, 1; Portugal, 1; Puerto Rico, 1; Scotland, 1; South Africa, 1; South Korea, 2; Sri-Lanka, 1; Sweden, 2; Trinidad-Tobago, 1; Turkey, 3; United Kingdom, 2; and West Malaysia, 1.

Foreign students attending Hamilton are divided into two types. Some are only here for one year, studying under a special program. The majority of them, however, are here for four years and will receive a regular diploma upon graduation.

No One-Year Applications

The application processes are different for the two kinds of foreign students. The one-year students are recommended to Hamilton by the Institute of International Education, and, as a result, do not have to file an application, since the school will receive a detailed report on them from the I.I.E. Those who attend for four years, though, have to fill out the standard application. In addition, if they don't feel comfortable taking the S.A.T.'s, they are required to take the Test of English as a Foreign Language.

Assistant Dean of Students Diane Salderelli, who serves as coordinator for foreign students, remarked that Hamilton does not go out of its way to cater to them, although, at the same time, the school understandably wishes to make sure that their transition is as smooth as possible.

In keeping with this idea, the school sponsored a reception two weeks ago for the I.S.A., so that new students could talk to older ones who had already attended Hamilton. Also, the school is trying to arrange for Clinton families to take in foreign students who are not able to go home over the holidays when the school is closed.

Group Meets To Enforce Title IX

by David Schindler

The Committee on Equal Opportunity (CEO), a group which seeks out and attempts to prevent discrimination in hiring practices, will hold its first meeting of the year within one week.

Enforcing Title IX of the Education Amendments of 1972, a law that prohibits discrimination against women and members of ethnic minority groups who seek employment, is the CEO's task.

At the meeting, the CEO will start work on an annual report concerning Hamilton's compliance to Title IX, and will elect officers. The CEO encourages the recruitment of applications from women and members of minority groups, but cannot give them preference after they apply.

According to President J. Martin Carovano and W. Lawrence Gulick, dean of the college, the difference between recruitment and preferential treatment is very important. Carovano stated that the college is "recruiting (women and minority applicant) very aggressively," but if highly qualified women and minority group members are "not there to be hired, they won't be hired," and "reverse discrimination" does not take place at Hamilton. Gulick said the college wants to "get them (women and minority group members) to apply," but when applications are evaluated, the "best people we can find" are hired, and sex and ethnicity are not considered.

Minority and women applicants are recruited by Hamilton in two ways. Advertisements are placed in various publications geared to these groups, and letters that encourage applications are sent to different colleges and universities which employ talented women and members of minority groups.

CEO member Andrew Wertz, director of the Bristol Campus Center, said "involving more minorities as candidates" is a top priority of the CEO. This is the case because the Hamilton faculty had no members of minority groups in previous years, and only has three at the present time. The percentage of women on the faculty has increased from nine to twenty.

Alice Maxfield, assistant to the president, is the coordinator of the CEO. Other committee members are students Kevin M. Marrinan and Helen M. Gamble; Robert L. Simon, associate professor of philosophy, Michele Teitelbaum, visiting assistant professor of anthropology; James F. Horth, payroll supervisor, and Ellis N. Sanbor, a member of the physical plant staff.

I.S.A. Initiates Programs

by Ward Lassoe

Foreign students are an integral part of the Hamilton campus, and this year they have already started to organize various activities. The International Students Association has held two meetings, and is working on setting several plans into motion. The I.S.A. is composed of students from other countries, as well as American students who have an interest in international affairs.

Various proposals were raised at the meetings. One of these was the formation of a consciousness-raising Third World Society. This group, which was the idea of Doug Miller '79, would concern itself with social injustices of an international nature. (There was a similar association on campus last year called the Hamilton Action Coalition.) A heated discussion between I.S.A. members broke out over the suitabiltiy of such an organization, and it was finally resolved that the Third World Society would remain separate from the I.S.A.

Various Ideas Discussed

The Society held its first organizational meeting last Monday night. Different ideas were brought up, including outside speakers, a film series, and a column in the Spectator. Members also discussed the possibility of writing a newsletter on Third World countries, to be broadcast on WHCL. It was finally decided that the prime purpose of the Society would be to serve as a study group, although it would also make an effort to keep the community informed of Third World problems.

Another idea disucssed at the I.S.A. meetings was bi-weekly Coffeehouse evenings. This would involve the Association being responsible for the preparation of all the food and music for a night at the McEwen Coffeehouse. Another further suggestion was teaching a Free School course in which foreign students would give some information about travelling in their respective countries.

Two additional ideas were brought up at the meetings, one of which was a radio show that would sponsor programs highlighting music from different countries. Each foreign student would be responsible for helping to pick out the songs which would be played during the show spotlighting his/her nation. Lois Ogilby '81 is organizing this operation.

Continental Gym

Athletic activities such as volleyball, tennis, and soccer were also discussed. A committee is coordinating these events, and has tentatively arranged for the use of the Alumni Gym for a few hours a week.

During its first meeting, the I.S.A. also elected its officers. Orhan Taner '81 will serve as president, while Konstantin Koulouvatos '81 will be vice-president. Gabriela Falcao '82 and Lika Behar '80 were chosen as secretary and treasurer, respectively.

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The Honorary Degree Machine

by Lou DiCerbo

Alex Haley. Sol Linowitz. Barbra Jordan. Kurt Waldheim. These are just a few of the people who have received honorary degrees from Hamilton College. They include public figures, educators, people active in the arts, and distinguished Hamiltonians. To find out what exactly goes into the selection of honorary degree recipients, this reporter talked to Alice Maxfield, assistant to the president, and to Russell T. Blackwood, chairman of the philosophy department and a member of the Honorary Degrees Committee.

The Committee is chaired by Judge High Jones, as associate judge on the New York State Court of Appeals and a trustee of Hamilton. Maxfield stated that the Committee includes six or seven trustees, three faculty members, and one student representative from each of the three upper classes. Students on the Committee are Steve Culbertson '79, Fred Nelson '80, and Mitty Cunningham '81. The faculty representatives on the committee are Russell T. Blackwood, professor of philosophy, William Rosenfeld, professor of English; and Warren Wright, professor of speech.

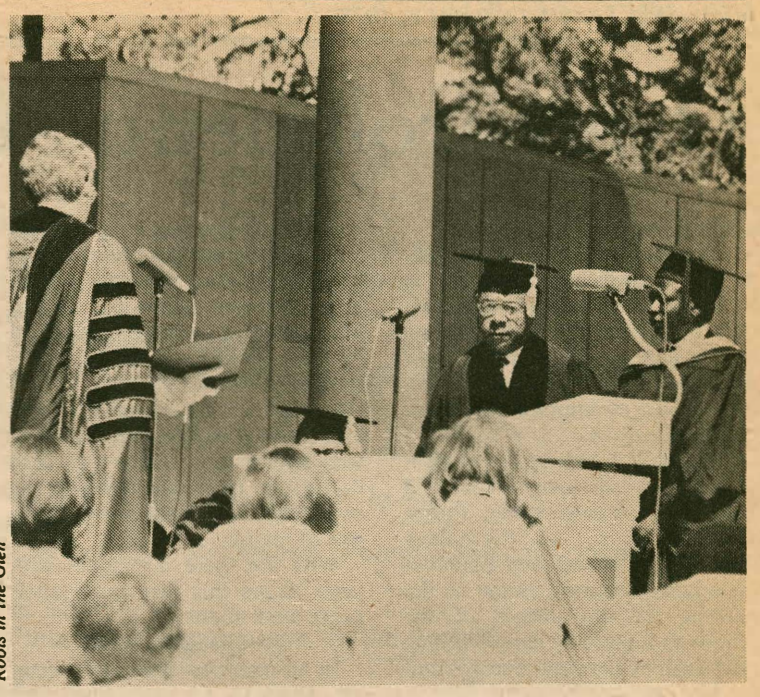
Maxfield said "those who have ties to Hamilton College are likely to accept the honor" and that awarding a degree to people who have these ties "makes sense." She said that although a person such as Dustin Hoffman has merit, it would not make much sense to award an honorary degree to him.

Blackwood, who has served two years of his three year term on the Honorary Degrees committee, said the purpose of awarding honorary degrees was to "honor people who have made or are making significant contributions in areas in which Hamilton holds to be of great value." He said, "We look for some sort of connection with Hamilton itself as often as possible." Blackwood went on to give several examples of awarding honorary degrees to those with ties to Hamilton.

From Clocks to IBM

In 1976, the one hundredth anniversary of the graduation of Harlow Bundy, the founder of a time clock manufacturing firm that later evolved into I.B.M., degrees were given to Bundy's granddaughter and the president of I.B.M. That same year, an honorary degree was received by Alex Haley, who had written the bulk of his bestseller *Roots* while he was a visiting instructor at Hamilton.

Blackwood said the Committee solicits suggestions from "everybody in sight" in the early fall. After two or three meetings, the Committee presents its list of candidates to the Board of Trustees in December. After the Board approves the nominations, President Carovano invites the nominees to accept the degrees. Generally if the College is turned down, Blackwood said, it will be by someone who does not accept honorary degrees as a matter of course.



Roots in the Glen

Pre-Law Committee Aids Future Lawyers

by Mark Adsit

Students from the Class of '79 currently preparing applications for law school admission are not completely in the dark. The pre-law committee, headed by Associate Dean of Academic Affairs James Traer, has compiled statistics on previous class admissions and has rated law schools for the benefit of prospective law students.

For the Class of '77, thirty-seven of forty-two Hamilton students who applied to law school received acceptences from at least one institution. Eight students from previous graduating classes gained admission as well.

Previously the Pre-Law Committee classified law schools into three categories: excellent, good, and adequate. Since 1976-77, the committee has used four comparative categories: excellent, superior, very good, and good. The number of students who received acceptences in each of these categories were six, ten, twelve, and seventeen, respectively.

Hamilton students usually attend law schools in the Northeast, according to Traer. Presently, seven students from the classes of '77 and '78 attend New York University, although schools such as Boston University, Boston Colle Georgetown, and George Washington look attractive. "As a Midwesterner," said Traer, "I encourage students to look toward Michigan, Chicago, Northwestern, and Washington University."

Different Factors

Law schools select applicants on the basis of three factors, including grades, LSAT scores, and a third category comprising recommendations, essay, and the reputation and assistance which the undergraduate school provides.

The Pre-Law Committee at Hamilton aides students in several ways. Members of the committee, which consists of Traer, Professor of History David Millar, Associate Professor of Philosophy Robert Simon, and Director of the Career Center Bunny Lieberman, regularly attend a summer conference with law school admissions deans. They also visit law schools to which Hamilton sends students, Traer said. For example, this month Traer plans to visit the University of Pittsburgh. Traer added that "members of the committee can also be helpful to students by contacting law school admissions officers in the spring on behalf of Hamilton applicants who have been placed on the waiting list or who have not heard about their status."

Recently Hamilton has had a problem placing students at Cornell. Traer said that "due to frequent personnel changes in the admissions office at Cornell, Hamilton has not had as many acceptences as desired." Traditionally Hamilton had contributed the second or third largest number of students to the law school. This is no longer true.

Glut on the Market

Today the American Bar Association claims that law schools produce far more attorneys than needed in the legal profession. "On the other hand," Traer said, "most law school officers report that they are able to place all or nearly all of their graduates." Increasing numbers of lawyers enter the fields of business, government, or various types of administration.

Hamilton tries to counsel its undergraduates by urging students to work in a law firm or to attend classes at a law school. Occasionally students find that they do not wish to pursue a legal profession after entering law school. For example, three of six students of the class of '77 who matriculated to Albany Law School dropped out after a few weeks. The Pre-Law Committee wishes to avoid these situations in the future, according to Traer.

Resolved: that the Board of Trustees of Hamilton College honors the President and the members of the Board of Trustees of Kirkland College for the strength of their personal commitment to excellence in education

Board Honors Kirkland Aims

by Rick Arnold

Reunion homecoming activities and crisp, fallen leaves swirled about College Hill last weekend, as the Hamilton Board of Trustees met amidst the gala to pass resolutions and to hear reports.

In the one great newsbreak, the Hamilton Board elected seven new Charter Trustees, six of whom served on the Kirkland Board. Otherwise, it was business as usual for the Board.

In a pair of internal matters, the Board resolved that the maximum size of the executive committee would be increased from 12 to 15 members. College President J. Martin Carovano explained that the Executive Committee meets when the Board cannot. In the other action, Charles Bates '53, an alumni trustee, was elected clerk of the Board.

The Board of Trustees also heard Assembly President Molly Murdoch, who advised the trustees on a student assembly resolution calling for student representation on the Board.

Upon recommendation by the Instruction Committee, the Board moved that it honors the President and members of the Kirkland Board of Trustees. That which follows is the text of the resolution:

"*Resolved,* that the Board of Trustees of Hamilton College honors the President and the members of the Board of Trustees of Kirkland College for the strength of their personal commitment to excellence in education and for their participation in the significant and indelible contribution Kirkland College has made to higher education of women in America. More particularly we express our appreciation of and our gratitude for the positive and important impact Kirkland has had on education at Hamilton College."

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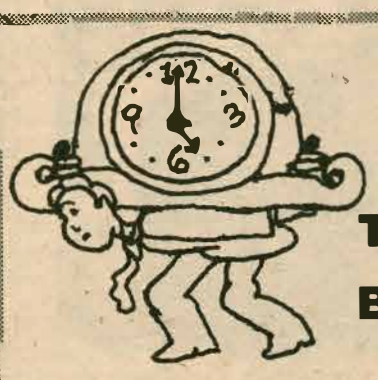

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Overenrollment: Unprecedented/Unwelcome

by Jeff Overholtzer

Intrepid students seeking a rudimentary knowledge of economics at Hamilton must contend with more than the usual bevy of baffling graphs and income analyses these days; they must also deal with lecture classes of unprecedented size -201, to be exact.

"Eco 100" is just one of a number of overcrowded classes on the Hill this year, others being Public Speaking, Intro. to Psychology (both over 100) and even a number of language courses. Some of the glowing halcyon images of the school as a place of close working relationships between students and teachers are beginning to fade in view of the large classes, which, as one professor euphemistically stated, "make for less than ideal learning."

"We're getting gyped," was the reaction of one freshman who was one of the multitude overflowing KJ auditorium for the Economics class. Hamilton has traditionally never been a school where students have felt like "just another number" and many freshman, and indeed upperclassmen, were flabbergasted at the burgeoning ranks of students toting multicolored Samuelson texts— so many students that Economics department chairman Derek Jones spoke of a "fire hazard" in the college's largest auditorium.

Although economics has been a very popular course for some time, Jones says enrollment figures have taken a "quantum leap" in recent years. Increasing in size from 177 in the fall of 1977 to 201 in 1978, the introductory course now taxes the department's resources to the utmost (see chart), constituting fully two-thirds of the course load for the diminutive economics faculty.

With 163 enrolled in speech courses and about 100 taking the intro level public speaking course faculty members Warren Wright and Richard Somer, the only full-time professors in the department, have their hands full. Commenting on the large classes, Wright said, "there are simply too many students to teach and too few to teach them." He added that because of the large size of the sections (in which individual students give speeches) the amount of "thoughtful and informative criticism" delivered to students had to be cut down.

Awareness

The administration is aware that over-enrollment represents a serious problem for the college. W. Lawrence Gulick, dean of the college, acknowledges that the college has classes that are substantially larger than they should be.

Among the disadvantages imputed to crowded classes is inefficiency; many feel that the exchange between teacher and student missing in a large lecture is vital to effective learning. Another problem is that the time and resources a department must put into a large lecture course takes away from the range and diversity of upper level courses the department may offer. At the beginning of this semester, Jones called a meeting with economics majors to explain that the size of seminars and range of 300-400 courses would not be optimum because of the lack of resources in the department.

All this is disappointing to freshmen who selected Hamilton because of its reputation as a college with small, intimate classes and accessible teachers. In a survey conducted by Christopher Covert, dean of admissions, 93% of the class of '82 said that they felt the most positive aspect of the college (aspects which were strong influences in their final decision to matriculate) was 1) the overall size of Hamilton and 2) the size of classes.

Why are there difficulties with large classes this year and what is being done about it?

No Change in Ratio

In an interview with the Spectator, Dean Gulick maintained that the merger between Hamilton and Kirkland Colleges was not the main cause of the newly overcrowded courses. In fact, he said that total enrollment had been stable at 1600 and that numbers of faculty had not declined, so that the student-faculty ratio has been constant at 12:1. Instead, the problem lies in the distribution of students in courses, he said.

Large discrepancies in the number of students attending different classes is inevitable because certain combinations of professors and subjects are simply more popular than others. In the first Economics 100 class this year, Jones' delight in the popularity of his course was tempered by the unwieldiness of the huge number of students: "We're very pleased to see so many students interested in economics... but we're also presented with some serious housekeeping problems," he said at the first class session, while looking around with some bewilderment at the veritable sea of faces (then 230 strong).

To solve the "problem" of popularity, Jones has requested an extra faculty member for his department. Referring to the chart featured on this page, he stated that "both internal and external standards make the case for an extra member in the department."

Gulick and the Committee on Academic Policy (CAP) have both approved the request for an extra faculty member, but no one has been hired yet because of difficulties in finding someone qualified for the job. Although Gulick concedes that "five (economics faculty) is still not enough given the enrollment pressures," any more hiring is out of the question, since "we're already running a half million dollar deficit."

Gulick's plan to cope with overenrolled classes is allocating the college's resources in the most efficient way possible, possibly entailing some redistribution of faculty and most importantly, encouraging all faculty members to do their fair share of course work.

Gulick believes that the "currency used to judge course load" is not always a valid one and as a result some professors work a great deal more than others. Six sections per semester is the minimum load for Hamilton professors, but depending on the sizes of the sections taught, one set of courses may be much more taxing than another. The average size of the critical language courses (including Hebrew, Chinese, Italian etc.), for instance, is about five.

Jones concurs with Gulick saying, of course sections, "I don't think that's the relevant indicator (of course load)... the scale factor is also important... the intro course (eco. 100) is just an incredible load.

Additional Sections

Fortunately, some faculty members take it on themselves to assume a fair proportion of course work by teaching extra courses, says Gulick. Others "think when they've done their six courses they've done their duty," affirms Gulick.

Most of the faculty have shown support of the Dean's position and empathize with the school's limited capability to create needed resources and hire new faculty. "I'm going to argue for more staff but I realize that solutions can't always come from the outside," says Wright. Wright is making extensive use of student assistants to "take up the logistics in the department," thus eliminating a great deal of clerical work for himself and freeing more time for students. He has also redesigned Speech 110, teaching upper level courses less often so that one professor can teach two sections at the same time. "We can't just go crying to President Carovano when we have a problem," asserts Wright.

Jones echoes this sentiment. "They've (the administration) got their hands tied to some extent. If one department increases, another has to decrease. And you can't make the decision (to expand or contract department faculty) in isolation. There are certain contractual obligations."

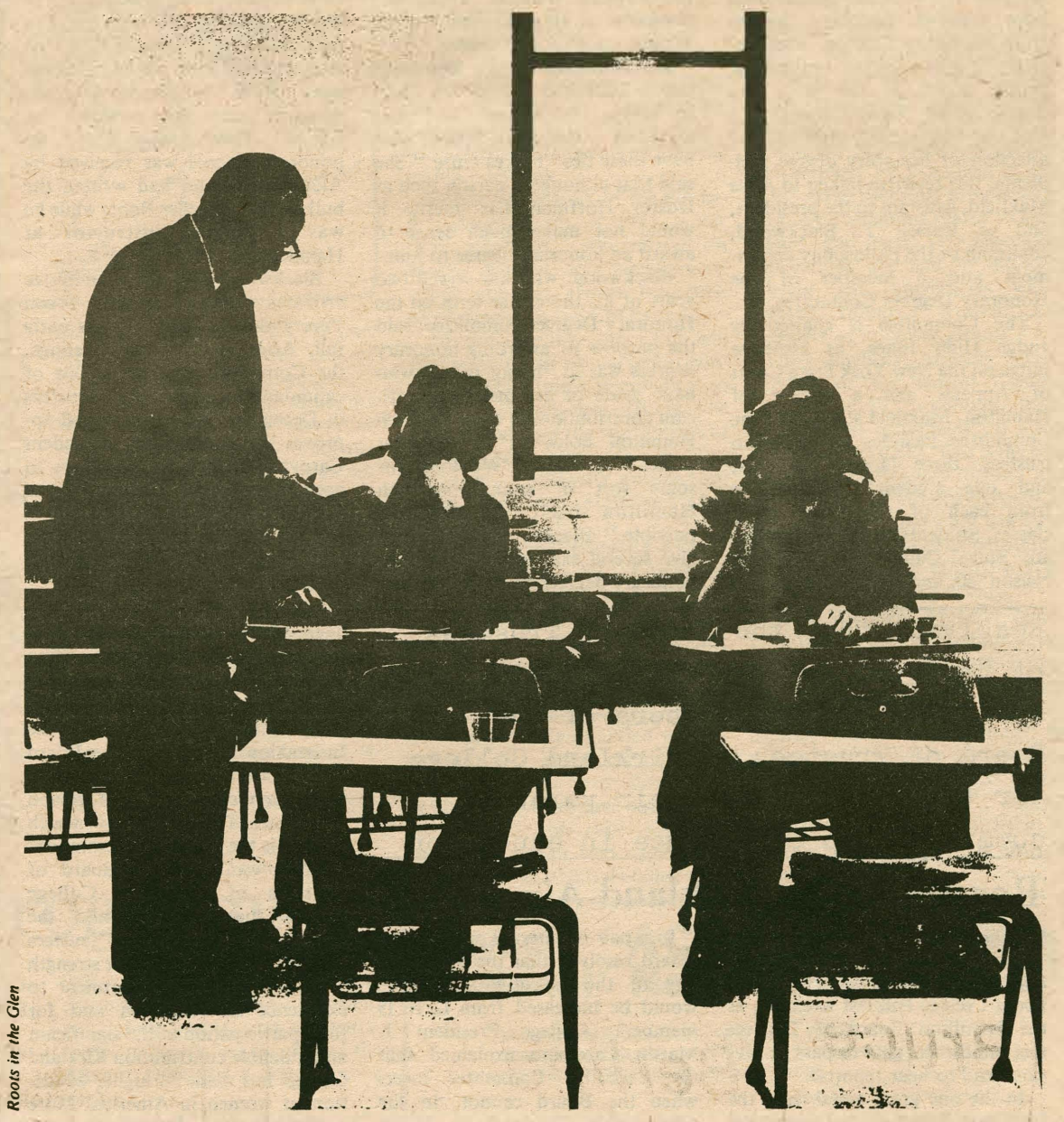
Gulick and the President have the authority to cut departments and add to others in consultation with CAP and the Academic Council. However, shuffling the faculty around, Gulick maintains, is not completely satisfactory nor is it always desirable; "I don't want to bind the institution in concrete to solutions from which it cannot extricate itself... and essentially half the faculty cannot be moved (ed. note: because of tenure and because of various contractual agreements, the administration is committed to keep all Kirkland faculty for at least 2 years.).

Another measure which Gulick advocates is to "not continue to allow students to chose any course for which they are qualified." Very large courses, he says, raise the issue of "right to enroll vs. the negative impact large enrollment has on the organization of a course." Conversely, he says that "some small courses are a waste of teacher's time... but the more advanced the course is, the fewer students you need to keep teaching the course." In short, Gulick supports a sliding scale based on course level and student seniority to determine upper and lower course enrollment limits.

Many students support enrollment limits. One dance student remarked that, "Last year, with limits and audition, there were 20 students in the intro. dance course; now there are about 80!"

None of the faculty or administration deny that there is an overenrollment problem. Wright sums up the situation succinctly: "There *is* a problem. It *must* be solved."

There are no simple solutions, and the main solution will probably come in several years when popular demand shifts from the overcrowded courses to other courses. In the mean time, suggests Wright, the problem will be best dealt with by "faculty who are loyal to the college and not just to their own departments."



Roots in the Glen

	Number of Economics Majors	No. of Registrants Spring 77	Fall 77	Full Time Faculty	Majors Per Full-Time Faculty	Average Registrants
Bucknell	177	774	833	8	22.1	100.4
Colgate	170	771	801	10	17.0	78.6
Colby	100	450	500	9	11.1	52.8
Denison	250	750	690	15	16.6	48.0
Hamilton	86	294	391	4	21.5	85.6
Middlebury	162	586	665	7	23.1	89.4
Dickinson	56	569	700	7	8.0	90.6
F & M	55	527	669	6†	9.1	99.7
Trinity	162	627	648	9†	18.0	70.8
St. Lawrence	155	830	857	8	19.4	105.4

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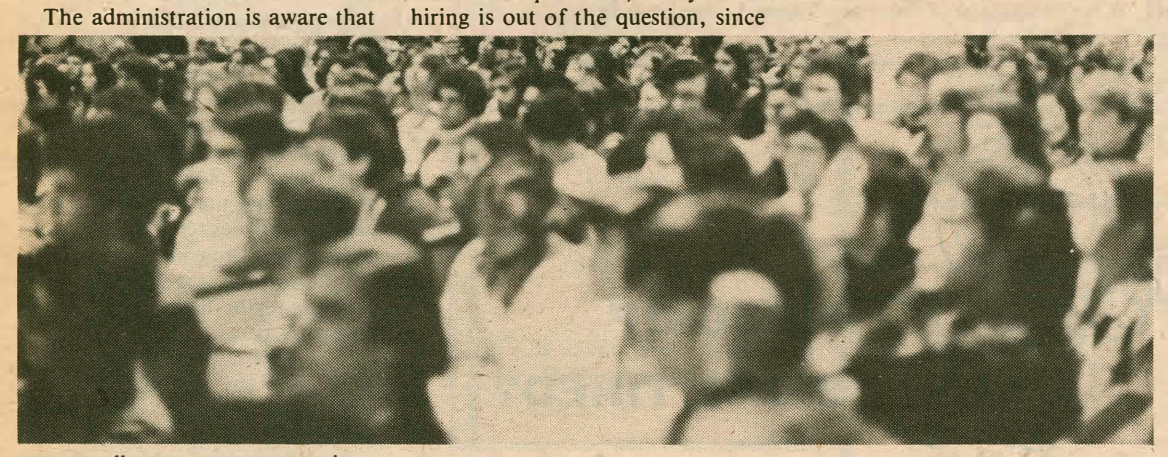

Following the international success of his first film, concerning 300 years of black history in America, director Haile Gerina now brings us *Bush Mama*, a powerful and realistic portrait of urban black America. The film focuses on a black woman living on welfare in Watts, trying to raise her daughter while her man is in jail for a crime he didn't commit. Through her eyes we experience the turmoil of life in the ghetto and its impact on ghetto residents. There are expressions of self-hate, escapist fantasy generated by the oppressive reality, but also growing political awareness of the problems and the need for fundamental social change. Though scripted and professionally acted, this film has all the immediacy and impact of a documentary, capturing the rich, distinctive style of ghetto language, its despair as well as its humor. The story of strong, proud black woman forced to discover her identity is brought to you by the Woman's Film Society on Sunday and Monday.

Bruce Berlind

by Barbara Berson

The final poem of Bruce Berlind's reading Wednesday evening is called "Lexicon." The poem is a series of definitions followed by words corresponding to them. What makes it particularly unique, though, is the method in which the words are chosen. They are drawn from a set of fandomly shuffled index cards, a word on each card. Mr. Berlind would read an intriguing definition, then pick a card. The results were always incongruent, and often ironically funny. Pervading the entire poem was an energetic spirit, unafraid of risk, and always open to surprise.

This spirit was catching, and provided the most enjoyable moments of the reading. But such openness and will to risk, so striking in "Lexicon," was less consistent in the rest of Mr. Berlind's peotry. There are many moments, in such peoms as "The Aesthetics of Love,", "Bailey's Mistake", "January Thaw," and particularly in "The Epistomology of Freedom" and "The day Nobody Died," in which these elements help to create a sharpness and depth of imagery. but these momemts, strong in themselves, have no choice but to drop back into the less energetic, somewhat flattering surroundings that the poems provide. The imagination of these poems seems less willing to probe further into the world it creates. In such a poem as "Nothing Happens," the imagination is almost stubborn in its unwillingness to delve deper.

Mr. Berlind's translations of some Hungarian poetry were quite good. They seemed to reflect and intensify that spirit of risk, and depth of imagery that Mr. Berlind's poetry acheived in its best moments. The work of one poet in particular, so thoroughly concerned and gave itself to the created landscapes, that at times the speaker became a part of them.

Concert Series

The Music Department of Hamilton College announces the beginning of its third year of subscription-series concerts. Once again, the "Music at Hamilton Artist Series" will feature performances by artists of national and international calibre.

Hamilton College presents these concerts, with assistance from the New York State Council on the Arts, as a service to the community. This year five performances will be made available at the lowest possible cost to the public.

The Duo Geminiani will open the season with a concert Friday night, October 27. Stanley Ritchie, baroque violinist, and Elizabeth Wright, harpsichordist, make up the duo, specializing in the music of the Baroque era, performed on authentic instruments. Mr. Ritchie performed with Aston Magna on the Hamilton series last year, and he has been re-engaged this season due to the tremendous audience response to his performance. The Duo Geminiani will hold an open workshop, Saturday October 28, for series ticket holders and other persons interested in the use of Baroque instuments.

Second in the series of concerts is the November 13 appearance of the Rochester Philharmonic Orchestra, under the baton of Isaiah Jackson. The program will include the monumental "Symphonie Fantastique' of Berlioz.

On January 14, the series will continue with another orchestral concert. The Syracuse Symphony Orchestra will appear, featuring the world-renowned cellist, Janos Starker.

The Dorian Wind Quintet will arrive February 20 for the fourth concert of the series, and the season will be completed with a very special program by New York's Contempory Chamber Ensemble. In a program put together expressly for Music at Hamilton, they will present two classics of early twentieth century music: Schoenberg's "Pierrot Lunaire," and Stravinsky's "L'Histoire du Soldat."

Thanks to funds made available by Hamilton College and to a generous grant from the New York State Council on the Arts, ticket prices this year will continue to be extremely low, representing only a fraction of the cost of presenting the series. Season tickets for the series of five concerts are only $8.00; student tickets are half-price. Tickets may also be purchased by mail.

EVENTS

Movies

Friday (October 6)
Hamilton Film Society: *Allegro non Troppo,* 8 p.m. & 10 p.m. in K-J.
Saturday (October 7)
Coop Film Society: *Lifeboat*, 8 p.m. & 10 p.m. in K-J.
Kirkland Film Society: *Allegro non Troppo,* 8 & 10 p.m. in Science.
Sunday (October 8)
Women's Film Society: *Bush Mama*, 8 p.m. & 10 p.m. in K-J.
Monday (October 9)
Women's Film Society: *Bush Mama,* 10 p.m. in K-J.
Tuesday (October 10)
Psychology Film: *Pergel's Developmental Theory: Classical Conservatism*, 7:45 in K-J.
Thursday (October 12)
Theater History Film: *Mandragola*, 4 p.m. in the Red Pit.

Theater

Friday, Saturday & Sunday (October 6,7,8)
The Charlatan's Student Directed Production: *Chamber Music* and *Three Actors and Their Drama*, 8:30 P.m. Minor Theater.

Music

Saturday (October 7)
Concert: The Pousette-Dart Band, 8 p.m. in the Alumni Gym.
Wednesday (October 11)
Organ Recital: George Damp, 8:30 p.m. in the Chapel.

Meetings and Lectures

Friday (October 6)
Slide Show: "A Travel Log of the People's Republic of China." Professor Richard Suttmeier, 7:30 p.m. Chemistry.
Monday (October 10)
Informational Meeting on Winter Term in Madrid and Paris, 8:30 p.m. Silliman, rooms 2 and 3.
Thursday (October 12)
Women's Center Open Meeting, 6 p.m. McEwen Lounge.
Intregal Yoga, 7:15 p.m. in Bristol.

Religion

Saturday (October 7)
Newman Mass. Father Paul Drobin. 5:15 p.m. List Recital Hall.
Sunday (October 8)
Newman Mass. Father Paul Drobin, 9:30 a.m. in Chapel.
The Hamilton College Chapel Service. The Reverend Jeffery Eaton, 11 a.m. in Chapel
Vespers Services. The Reverend Jeffery Eaton, 4 p.m. in Chapel.
Tuesday (October 10)
Yom Kipper Services. 7 p.m. in Chapel.
Wednesday (October 11)
Yom Kipper Services. 8:30 a.m. & 4 p.m. in Chapel.
Bible Study. 9 p.m. at Alumni House.
Thursday (October 12)
Christian Fellowship Meeting. 8:30 p.m. in Womb Room.
Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, Friday
Newman Mass. Father Paul Drobin, 12 noon in Chapel.

On-the-Park

Two art exhibitions wi[illegible] pening at the Kirkland Art Center in Cli[illegible] this Sunday. There will be a reception for "Kirkland Annual: a Juried Show" and "Paintings by Margaret Mardany" from 7-9 p.m. Both exhibits continue through October 29.

arts page

Liz Horth

Tonight and tomorrow night, the Charlatans will present two one-act plays. They will be in Minor Theater 8:00, and there is no [illegible]mission charge.

The first productin is *Chamber Music*, a comedy by Arthur Kopit, and will be directed by Melissa Putterman. It concerns eight patients in the female wing of an insane asylum who believe they are famous women of history.

The cast is as follows: Sue France as Mozart's wife, Joni Hage as Queen Isabella, Val Jones as Pearl White (a well-known silent movie actress), Jessie Gilbert as Osa Johnson (a famous explorer), Shelley Safir as Joan of Arc, Jane Ginsberg as Amelia Erhart, Stephanie Lovell as Gertrude Stein, Melanie Sutherland as Susan B. Anthony, David Carlson as the Doctor, and David Pratt as the Assistant. John McCormack is the stage manager for the production.

The other play is *Three Actors and Their Drama* by Michael de Ghelderode (translated by Georges Hauger). David Pratt is the director. It is about three troubled actors who decide to end their performance with a bang.

The cast for this presentation consists of Howard Berger as the Author, John Laffan as the Heavy Lead, Mary Mahon as the Ingenue, Tony Kelso as the Juvenile Lead, and Alan Wasserman as the Prompter. The stage manager is Katie Basset.

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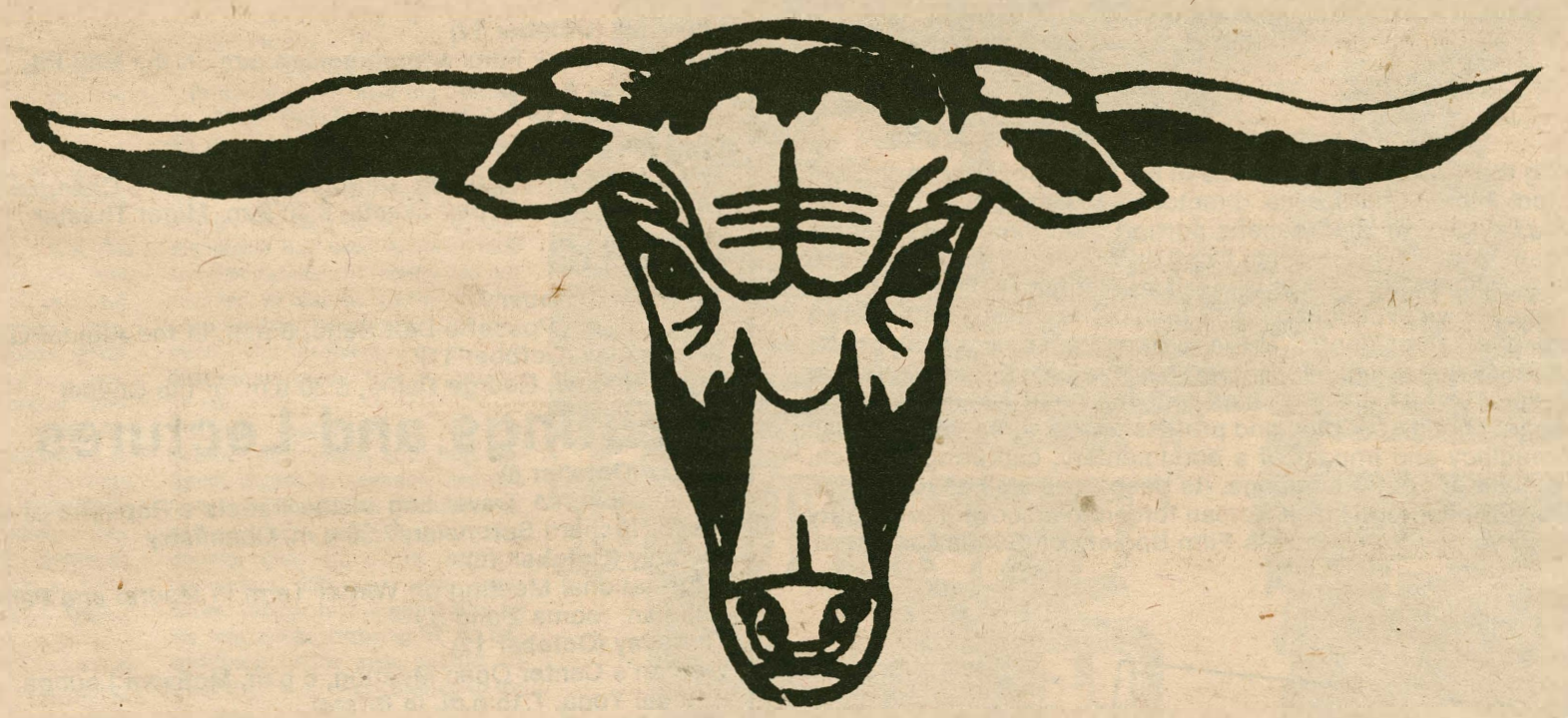

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Stereo Warriors Win On Hamilton Campus: Music or Noise?

by Rick Parrott

By now everyone must be familiar with Star Wars, the cinematic space opera which captured the fancies of millions of people the world over with its incredible tale of the battles raging in the galaxy for freedom from the oppressive villainy of Darth Vader and the Death of Star gang.

But what of stereo wars? What is the reaction on the part of the students of Hamilton College to the consistent battles of wattage and amplification occurring on campus every day? What of the tales of loud, strange, and bizarre music seranading sleepers in Dunham as dawn rises over Oriskany Creek or of nocturnal concerts lasting far into the night on the Kirkland campus? Perhaps the answers to these and other mysteries can be found long, long ago on a campus far, far away (Clinton, N.Y.).....

Music on the Hill serves a wide variety of purposes; a relaxation device, or perhaps a "charge" or "psyche up" to get a student through a long night of reading, studying, typing of papers (usually due the next day as the writer of this article will readily attest), or knock-down drag-out partying. "Some people," noted a freshman in Dunham "blast it when they don't want to think."

Paddy Maguire, a sophomore, remembered an incident last year when numerous Dunham residents ran, jumped, rolled, or danced up and down the lawn outside the dorm to the strains of the William Tell Overture. "Most people thought it was a rather absurd, but fun thing to do," he said.Music, in general, he continued, is "very appropriate as a release from work and tension."

The Plague

Bob Wool, a freshman advisor in South Dorm has observed during his years on the Hill, that a desire on the part of some residents of a dorm to produce especially loud tunes is often "contagious" and he has seen stereo fever run rampant through a dorm like a strange plague. "It sort of brings out the beast in others," he has concluded.

Musical tastes of course vary from person to person. Frequently, however a particular artist will acquire especially devoted followers on a certain floor or hall. A breakdown of Dunham for example given by some of its residents runs thusly: Charlie Daniels on the first floor; the second floor is "more mellow" with artists like Carly Simon receiving big listening; and on the third floor "anything goes". Other Dunham favorites are the Stones; Crosby, Stills, and Nash; the Grateful Dead; Bruce Springsteen, and Yes. Lovers of quieter music must often contend with the louder chords of rock and jazz and classical fan Chris Doonan will testify. "People do have a right to their music," she says "as long as the noise doesn't get ridiculous."

And what about noise? Is it considered to be a big problem on campus? Dean of Students R. Gordon Bingham hopes not. There is no real administration policy towards noise, says the Dean, because it is his belief that noise problems (musical or otherwise) must be resolved by the students among themselves. "We want a self-policing effort," says Bingham. What of students who consistently blare music without any particular regard for others? "There are ways of getting to students who refuse to listen to any type of request." he states. Students who have especially bad complaints can come to the Dean's office or can go to the Judiciary Board for action. Bingham hopes that through mutual cooperation between students, these types of last resort efforts can be avoided. He does, however, express concern that many students aredriven out of their rooms at night when they want to work or study. "In a close living situation however the right to be noisy is superceded by the rights of quiet students." But he also admitted that "lots of people take it (a noisy situation) to avoid confrontation." "Some people let themselves get walked over," the Dean says "that shouldn't be.'

Intimidation

Several students seemed to reflect his thinking. One upperclasswoman commented that since the Kirkland campus went co-ed the volume of noise seems to have gone up. She thinks the influx of Hamilton men at Kirkland is a definite factor and she did admit to "being a little intimidated" when it comes to approaching people to turn down their stereos. Another upperclasswoman found that "in a suite at Kirkland you'd feel more comfortable telling someone in a suite to turn it down than in a dorm."

Some noise problems are created by the acoustics of a particular dorm. Wool said in South it is possible for an entire hall to be dominated by one especially powerful stereo because most rooms face each other in a square-shaped arrangement. Lisa Meyer, an upperclasswoman living in South, agreed. "South is just a loud dorm, it's the way the rooms are constructed," she said. In Dunham, those people whose rooms face inward on the lawn are at a distinct disadvantage. Over at Kirkland, senior Lexi Dewy, a Milbank resident has noted that the noise comes and goes with the seasons. In fall and spring, speakers come out of windows making work in the rooms often difficult. Sometimes, Lexi said, "you don't even know where its coming from because of the way sound bounces around." Her experience with confrontation have yielded mixed results. "Sometimes they'll turn it down, but its usually easier to just back off and not put up a hassle." "I don't think rules on noise would really do anything," she continued. "If you have a personal thing about the noise, you've got to get action yourself." she concluded.

Despite the aforementioned reservations about the Hamilton noise problem, most students interviewed seem to have no particular complaints about the noise conditions in their dorms. Their attitude is one of acceptance of the situation and discovering alternatives to their rooms when they need to work. "I've got no problems now," said Maguire. He finds the contrast in noise between Dunham last year and his present setup in Babbitt "amazing," and said that until this year he was not aware that crickets existed at Hamilton College since "I never heard any with all the noise in Dunham at night."

Early Listeners

Deena Barry, another Dunham resident, said, "I think if you really ask people to tone it down they're considerate." "Besides," she said, "We knew it wasn't a quiet dorm when we came here." Rob Galbraith of Minor dorm echoed her sentiments; "If there's noise, you just have to go and talk to them about it." Galbraith further stated "No one really gets abused" and several of his friends (taking a time out from the Yankee game on TV) said "we'll always turn it down for people; we're pretty cooperative guys."

In the final analysis one must conclude that stereo wars are indeed a part of life at Hamilton. ("Of course there are stereo wars" says Dunham freshman David Norman "we (me and my roomate) win all the time.") Yet despite this fact of life on the Hill, a number of alternatives do exist for students who feel they are being unfairly plagued by incessant racket. One would be to consult their advisors or dorm presidents; a second would be to complain to the Dean of Student Affairs Office; a third and the most drastic alternative would be to report the offending party to the J-Board. Yet the simplest and easiest solution to the noise situation still seems to be that of taking the matter into one's own hands and trying to work out the matter student-to-student. So if you've got a problem, just remember, people may be more cooperative than you think.

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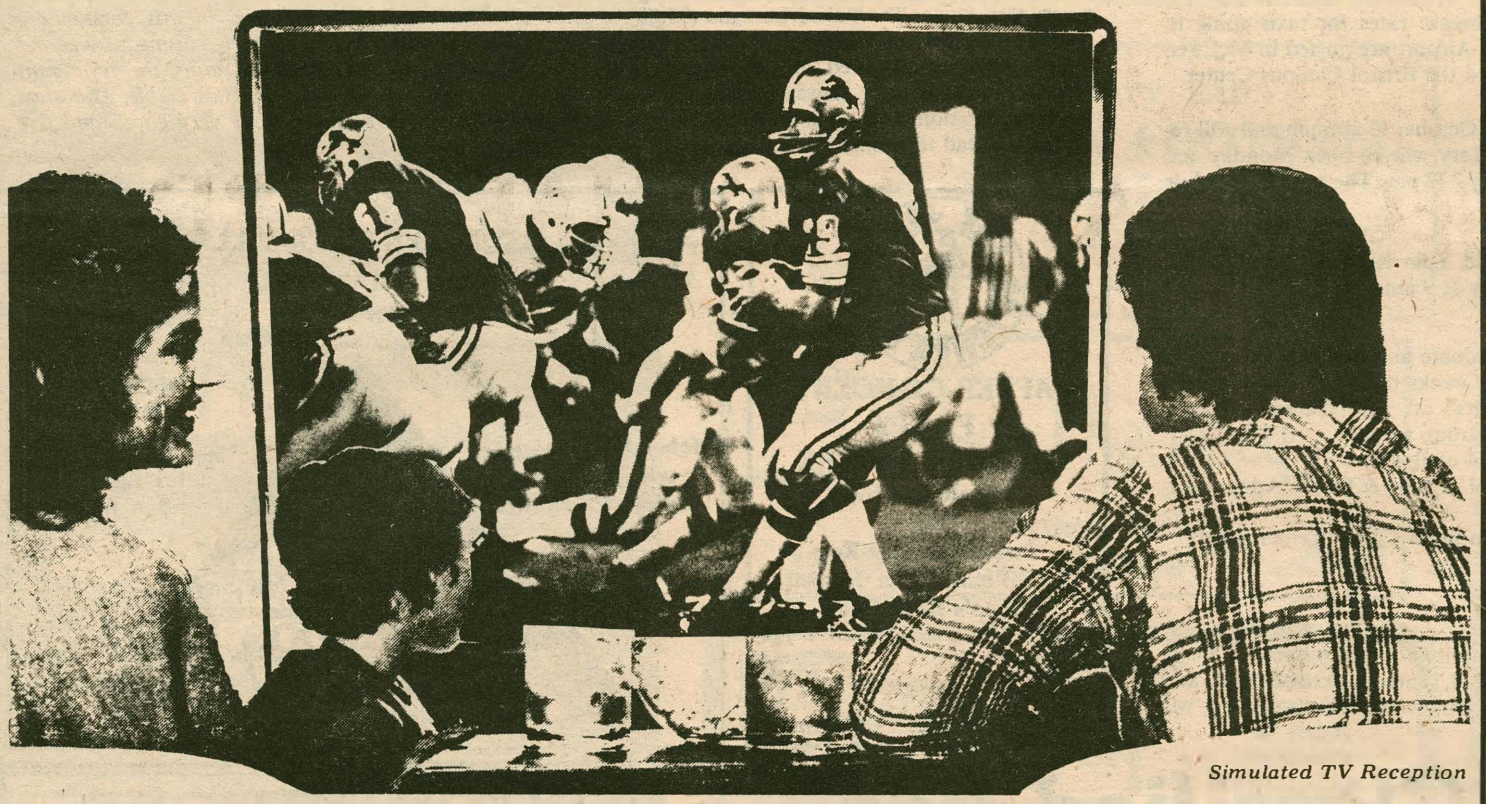

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At their September 29-30 meetings, the Board of Trustees will consider the question of Honorary Degrees to be conferred at the May 1979 Commencement. If you have any candidates that you would like to recommend for a degrees, I would appreciate you doing so before Wednesday, September 27. Please send you recommendations to Alice Maxfield. Should you be inclined to do a little lobbying for you candidates, the faculty members of the Committee include Russel Blackwood, Bill Rosenfeld and Warren Wright.

IT'S NEAR THURSDAY AGAIN

And it's *on*Thursday again, the weekly open meeting of the Women's Center that is. If you remember we had one last week and will continue to have them every Thurs. at 6:00 in the first floor lounge of McEwen. All are welcome (that includes men). Eat dinner first or afterwards but be there.

TO ALL PERFORMERS AND SPECTATORS

The Women's Center is sponsoring an OPEN MIKE at the Coffeehouse on Friday, Oct. 6th at 8:00 till whenever we get tired. If you'd like to perform just come with what you need and when you're ready, do it. If you'd just like to be with us and watch a little choice entertainment, an audience is half the show. The Coffeehouse will be selling refreshments so come and enjoy.

WINTER TERM IN PARIS OR MADRID

Important information meetings for thosé considering French 160 or Spanish 160. Monday, October 9, 8:30 p.m., Silliman Hall rooms 2 & 3.

ATTENTION FACULTY, STUDENTS & STAFF

The Student Services Committee is looking for people to perform at the HUB during the week. If you can sing, play the piano (or any other instrument) and are interested call Tom Livingston at x 4519 or Jon Gilbert at x4310.

VISIT YOUR HIGH SCHOOL

Any students returning home during the mid-semester recess who would like to visit their high schools to talk with folks there about Hamilton, can collect some college literature weekdays between 9:00 a.m.and 5:00 p.m. at the Office of Admission. Also, members of the Admission Staff will be available then to answer questions of students who are considering such a visit.

GEOLOGY CLUB LECTURE

Wednesday night, October llth, Dave Tewksbury will be giving a lecture on his adventures last fall in Antarctica. Dave spent October through January of last year doing photographic work with a geological expedition to Marie Byrd Land. Dave's lecture, entitled "Antarctica: Geological Research in 'The Coldest Place on Earth,' " will be presented at 7:30 in the Science Building, first floor.

TAXI RATES

Students travelling during October break: rates for taxis going tc Union Station in Utica and the County Airport are posted in McEwen entrance, the Student Affairs Offce, and the Bristol Campus Center.

BREAK HOURS FOR LIBRARY

The Burke Library will close Friday, October l3 at 6 pm and will remain closed for the weekend. The Library will be open Monday and Tuesday 8:30-4:30, and Tuesday evening 7-12 pm. The normal schedule will resume Wednesday morning.

YOM KIPPUR SERVICES

The Jewish Students Group will hold Yom Kippur services in the Chapel Tuesday at 7:30 pm, Wednesday at 9 am and 5:30 pm.

GRAD SCHOOL VISITS

Representatives of the following graduate and professional schools will be on campus during the next two weeks to speak with students. Seniors should make appointments at the Career Center. Undergraduates are invited to join the group sessions.

Mon. Oct. 9 Columbia U. Grad. School of Business
Thurs. Oct. 12 Cornell U. Grad. School of Bus. & Public Administration
Thurs. Oct. l9 Stanford at Colgate (sign up at Career Center here)
Thurs. Oct. l9 Washington & Lee Law
Wed. Oct l8 Hebrew Union College

VEGETARIANS

There will be a vegetarian food committee meeting open to all interested students in McEwen dining Hall, Tuesday, October 10, at 3 p.m. Andy Mitchell '79 and Ralph Lembo, ARA/Slater manager, will run the meeting.

The Pasta House **

by Tasha Panarites

Yes, the Alexander Hamilton Inn is open for business again, after almost a one-year recovery from fire damage. No, you cannot order any pasta as a main dish anymore. If you really want pasta in Clinton, and don't feel like suffering the wait at Alteri's, the place to eat is The Pasta House. The interior will look a bit familiar, but remind yourself that major renovation comes slowly in Clinton. (Unless you're out to impress the pre-freshmen and alumni.) Actually, the owners of the defunct Clinton House took over management of the Al Ham Inn and changed The Clinton House to The Pasta House.

It's too bad they did.

The Pasta House does injustice to the reputation left by its previous tenant. The Clinton House could be relied on for a good meal when Mom and Dad were in town. After two visits to the Pasta House, I'm convinced I wouldn't spend a dinner-out treat with Mom and Dad there.

Okay, it just opened two weeks ago and the prices are reasonable. In fact, the prices are what save the night. Because everythink is a la carte, you can theoretically walk away parting with less than three dollars and have consumed a satisfactory main dish. Their specialy, of course, claims to be pasta. I'd argue that their specialty is garlic bead: homemade, piping hot and irresistable.

In addition to pasta dishes, the restaurant offers chicken dishes and fish specials on Friday nights. My friends and I all ordered pasta dinners so I cannot judge the chicken or fish. Everyone agreed that the Fettucini Alfredo ($3.95) was probably the best bet for dinner. On the basis of our other dinners, I recommend trying dishes made with cheese and avoiding tomatoe-sauce dinners. On one occasion I had Spaghetti Ala*(sic)*Marinara ($3.00), which, though tasty, required hefty seasoning and sported a very thin sauce. The Baked Lasagna ($3.00) was served barely warm and tasted bland. Ravioli ($2.95) was undercooked and stuffed meagerly with, not meat, but sausage, like the Baked Lasagna. Portion sizes were adequate, augmented by garlic bread to sponge up the sauce.

Any good Italian restaurant includes salad with the meal. But I suppose the new manager thought the restaurant would attract more people if the main dishes were inexpensive. Still, it seems redundant to offer salad along with antipasa as part of the appetizers. The salad ($.75) is good, though, and you'd better like Italian dressing because that's all they serve. Other appetizers include Eggplant Parmegania and Bean Soups.

On opening night, the only wine they could offer was Burgundy, and this at 7 p.m. Unless otherwise instructed by the customer, Burgundy should always be served at room temperature. Ours was served chilled. Ugh.

The second time we ate at The Pasta House their wine list had grown to include, besides Burgundy, Rhine, Rose, Lambrusco and Chablis. Wine costs $.75 a glass. In addition, hard liquor is available from the bar.

The restaurant has yet to offer desserts as part of their menu. When I asked the manager why he hadn't put together some assortment of desserts after a week's business, he replied, "You know, honey, when we opened last Monday, I just didn't think of it. We'll have some in a few weeks."

No desserts! Obviously the manager has a few kinks to iron out in his new operation. Though slow, the staff are all anxious to please, which goes a long way. The waitresses know their pasta and that helps a poor, ignorant but hungry student. We each spent under four dollars, but our wine was complimentary due to the Grand Opening Week.

Who knows, maybe I'll take Mom and Dad there come November.

The Pasta House is located on Route 12B in the Clinton Shopping Center. Hours are from 5-10:30 p.m.; reservations are recommended on weekends.

The restaurants reviewed in this column are rated five stars to none. Price, cuisine, service and atmosphere determine the rating the restaurant will receive. One star signifies edible, two stars mediocre, three good, four very good, and five excellent.

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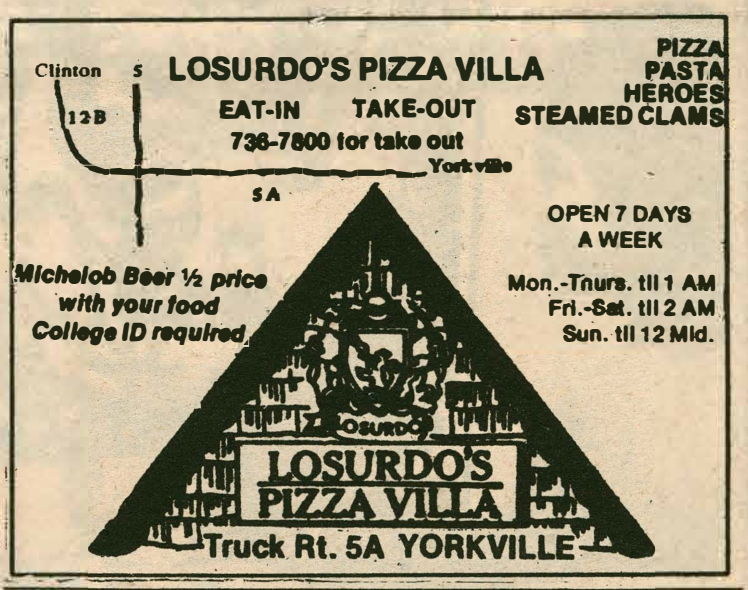

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Dave Whitney runs with a few friends. Brenden McCurdy

Cross Country Team Runs Up A Streak

by Steve Calder

Hamilton's cross country squad raised its season record 3-2 last week with wins over Cortland and R.P.I. on Saturday and Union on Wednesday. On Saturday, Hamilton barely edged R.P.I. 35-54.

The Blue were led by Dave McGowan, Dave Whitney, and Doug Burgess who finished second, fourth, and fifth respectively as the meet finished during the football game. Doug Rose (ninth) and John Mitchell (sixteenth) provided the depth that, according to Coach Gene Long, gave Hamilton the victory.

Long was particularly pleased with the performances of McGowan, who ran the course in 26:19, and Whitney, who filled in for the absent Sean Delaney as the team number two runner.

Hamilton recorded an easy 24-33 over Union on Wednesday, with Blue runners taking nine of the first thirteen places. McGowan (26:26), Delaney (26:29), Whitney (26:38), Burgess (26:52), and Rose (27:03) were the top finishers for the Continentals.

Freshman Bonnie Kelly won the women's race on Wednesday with a time of 20:24.7. Kelly finished almost four and half minutes ahead of her nearest challenger.

The NESCAC Championships on October 14 will provide Kelly with her first real competition, according to Long. The meet, to be hosted by Hamilton, will also have a strong field in the men's race. The team's next meet will be the Lemoyne Invitational tomorrow.

Brenden McCurdy

Bonnie Kelly finishes all alone.

Golfers Continue to Meet Success

by Barry Cusick

Hamilton's golf team brought back its second trophy in two weeks last Friday as the Conts finished fifth out of 19 teams in the Brook-Lea Invitational in Rochester. This week's trophy is in custody of freshman Perrin Arturi, who fired a 78 over the long and narrow Brook-Lea links. The six-over-par score earned Perrin third place out of a field of 76 golfers, by far the best individual effort for the golfing Blue this fall. Arturi accomplished this in only the third intercollegiate event of his career.

In finishing fifth with a 332 total, Hamilton lost to first place Canisius by only 8 strokes. A barometer of Hamilton's improving play this fall is that it lost to RIT, the sponsor of the tournament, by only two strokes. RIT had defeated the Blue by 26 and 27 strokes in tournaments held earlier in the autumn. The Continentals also tied Oswego State, a perennial New York State golfing power, with their 332 score.

Following Arturi's score in the Hamilton arsenal were John Davis' 82, John Barron's 84, and Barry Cusick's 88. Mark Davis of the University of Buffalo was the medalist for the tournament with an even-par 72. Hamilton will end its best fall season in many years with its most important autumn tournament, the ECAC Regionals in Elmira. Representing the Conts will be Arturi, Davis, Barron, Hugh Vickery, and Ken Meeker.

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Intramurals

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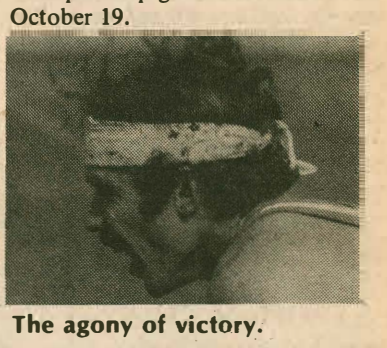
Lacrosse standings as of October 3:

Team	W	L	T	Points
Blue(1)	3	0	1	7
Green(2)	1	1	2	4
White(3)	0	1	3	3
Red(4)	0	2	2	2

The last games of the season will be played on October 9, and a championship game will be held on October 19.



Lisa Cremin

The agony of victory.

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October 7-Lemoyne Invitational- Away, 1:00
Oct. 12-Hartwick and Clarkson- Away, 3:30
Oct. 14-NESCAC Meet-Home, 11:00

Field Hockey
Oct. 7-Hartwick-Home, 10:30
Oct. 9-Wells-Home, 4:00
Oct. 12-Colgate J.V.-Away, 4:00
Oct. 19-Oswego-Away, 4:00
Oct. 21-Oneonta-Home, 11:30

Football
Oct. 7-Bates-Home, 1:30
Oct. 14-Colby-Away, 1:30

Soccer
Oct. 7-Eisenhower-Away, 2:00
Oct. 11-Potsdam-Home, 3:30
Oct. 19-Clarkson-Away, 3:30

Men's Tennis
Oct. 7-Rochester-Home, 12:00
Oct. 10-Oswego-Away, 3:30
Oct. 12-R.P.I.-Away, 3:30

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Oct. 7-R.P.I.-Away, 11:00
Oct. 10-MVCC-Home, 3:30
Oct. 12-Herkimer-Away, 3:30
Oct. 21-Oneonta-Home, 3:30

Spectator Sports

Skies Lighten Over Steuben As Blue Defense Shines

by Phil Robinson

Sparked by an impressive defensive effort, the Hamilton Continentals rolled over Tufts 20-0 Saturday before a Steuben Field crowd of 3500. The shutout, Hamilton's first since November 8th, 1975 when the Continentals blanked Fordham 42-0, evened the team's seasonal mark at 1-1.

Limiting the Jumbos to only 109 yards of total offense, Hamilton sacked Tufts quarterback Chris Connors eight times, totaling losses of 75 yards. Mike Tamulis, switched by head coach Don Jones from offensive to defensive tackle just last week, led the Hamilton 'sack pack,' dropping Connors three times; linebacker Bruce Treen and defensive end Mike McFadden were cedited with two sacks apiece, and Jim Kizelewicz had one.

The Best Offense

The defense also tallied the Continentals first points of the day as freshman Mark Froio returned a blocked punt for a touchdown. On a fourth down and six situation at the Jumbos' 36, Tufts punter Eric Lindquist seemed uncertain as to whether to run for the first down or kick the ball. Lindquist's indecision proved to be disastrous as Continental defensive end Luke Martens broke through the Tufts line and blocked the punt. Froio picked up the loose ball and galloped 23 yards for the score. Lou Bahin's point after made it 7-0 Hamilton.

The offense, which looked considerably sharper than it had the previous week, put together a 19-play 66-yard drive before halftime giving Hamilton a 13-0 lead. Kevin Lacey, subbing for the injured Jack Koelbl, capped the drive by plunging over from two yards out.

Taking the ball on their own 34 after Tufts placekicker Mark Litner's 52-yard field goal attempt hit the crossbar, the Continentals unleashed their powerful ground game. Bill Romaine gained 32 of his game-high 85 yards on the drive including a 14-yard pickup to the Tufts 39. Lacey kept the drive alive as twice on third down and four situations he picked up the necessary first down yardage.

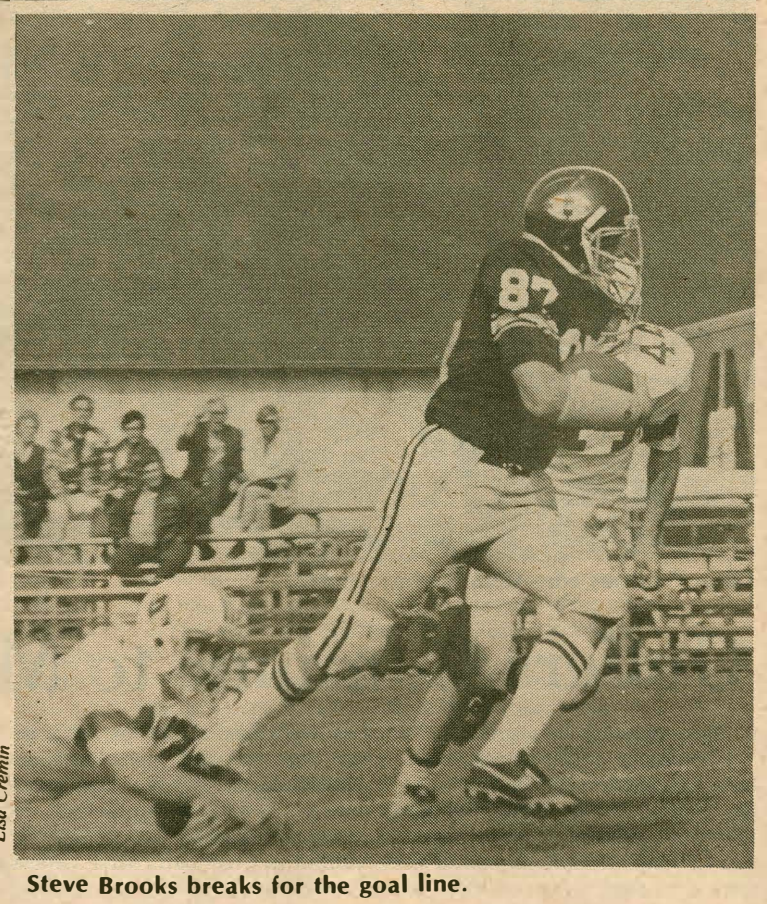
Pressure Passing

After a pass interference call gave Hamilton a first and goal at the Tufts five, the Conts offense stalled, and two plays and two penalties later faced third and goal from the sixteen. Then quarterback Phil Greenough found tight end Steve Brooks wide open for a 14-yard gain down to the Tufts two yard line. On the next play, Lacey followed the blocks of Romaine, John Anastos and Dan Clair into the end zone as the Conts moved out to a 13 point advantage.

A Bruce Treen fumble recovery at the Tufts 28 set up the final Hamilton score of the afternoon. The four-play drive saw Romaine carry the ball three times for 24 yards including a seven-yard touchdown run around left end.

Coach Jones will be looking for similar efforts from his offense and defense in tomorrow's 1:30 Steuben Field contest against Bates. The Bobcats, 1-1, possess a high scoring offense led by quarterback Chuck Laurie who fired five touchdown passes in a 48-32 victory over Union. A pleasant surprise for first year coach Webster Harrison has been the running of freshman fullback David Carter who has averaged over 100 yards rushing per game.

EXTRA POINTS...The Hamilton injury list added another casualty from Saturday's game as Jack Koebl will be lost for two or three weeks. Stancil Scott, still bothered by an ankle injury, is listed as a doubtful starter for tomorrow...Two-game stats: Rushing - Romaine, 41-106, 2.6 yds per carry, Koebl, 12-80, 6.6, Lacey 22-96, 4.4; Passing - Greenough 8-22, 84 yards.



Lisa Cremin

Steve Brooks breaks for the goal line.

The Winning Numbers

HAMILTON 20, TUFTS 0

Tufts	0	0	0	0	0
Hamilton	7	6	7	0	20

H-Froio 25 return of blocked punt (Bahin kick)
H-Lacey 2 run (pass conversion missed)
H-Romaine 7 run (Bahin kick)

	Tufts	Hamilton
First Downs	11	15
Yards Rushing	79	170
Yards Passing	30	35
Passing (Com.-Att.)	13-36	4-9
Total Offense	109	205
Penalties (No.-Yards)	8-73	7-45
Interceptions Thrown	0	0
Fumbles Lost	3	2
Punts (No.-Average)	5-21.5	6-30.0

Hill Booters Fall Off Form In 1-0 Loss to Union

by Tom Button

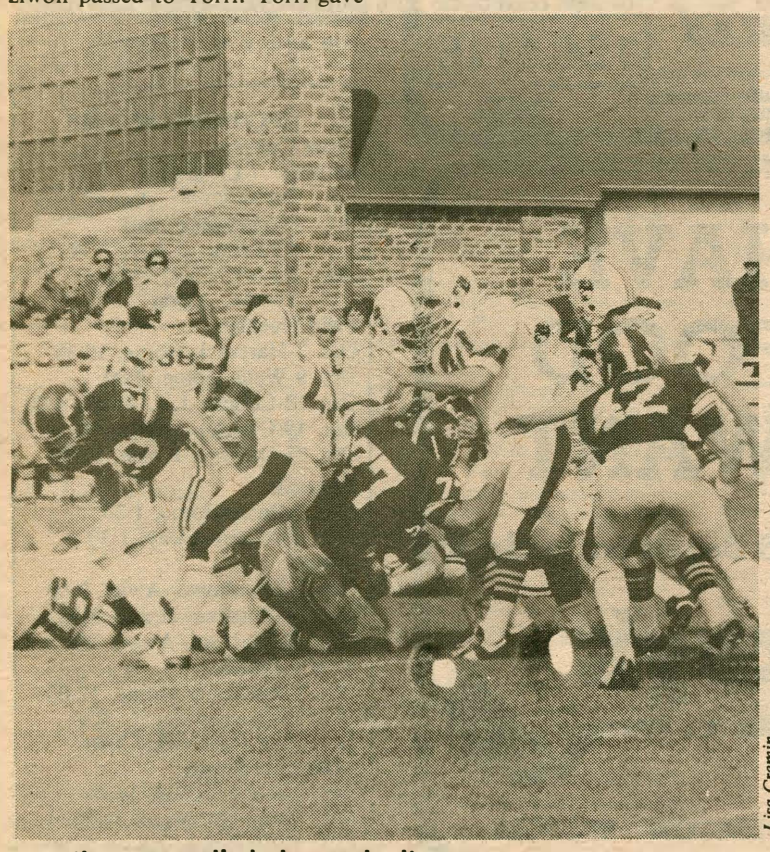
In the past five days, Hamilton's soccer team has played at its high and its low for the season. Hamilton beat a strong Hobart team 3-0 at Hobart to raise the record to 2-0-1 and then lost to 16th ranked Union 1-0 in a game at home.

In the win over Hobart, Hamilton scored early on a direct kick by John Arnold from 35 yards out. The shot was carried by the wind right over the hands of the goalie and just slipped under the crossbar. This goal was followed by a goal by Dave Radziwon on a cross from Giovanni Torri. Hamilton controlled the first half well with the help of the strong wind blowing toward the Hobart goal.

Early in the second half it looked as if Hobart was going to score, but the ball reached midfield and Radziwon passed to Torri. Torri gave Ken Han a high cross which he hit out of the air into the goal from the left side ten yards out. The goal forced Hobart to play back more in order to keep themselves in the game. During the game, Hobart had 29 shots on goal and Hamilton had 17.

After having tied a strong St. Lawrence squad and defeating Hobart, many players were surprised by the difficulties Hamilton had with Union. In the first half, neither team moved the ball effectively and there were only ten shots on goal. The Hamilton team seemed to play down to the level of Union. In the second half Union scored on a shot by Handy from 16 yards out on the right side. Union went on to win the game as Hamilton failed to get back to the level of strong team effort shown in the Blue's previous two games.

This week, Hamilton plays a weak Eisenhower team and an excellent squad from Potsdam currently rated in the state top twenty. The team will have to recover the form it showed against St. Lawrence and Hobart to beat Potsdam.



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Hamilton controlled play at the line.

Pinch Hitter
The Camels Are Coming

by George Teel

Hamilton's Alumni Homecoming, already brightened by the opening of the new Fieldhouse and the victory over Tufts, was made even more festive by the surprise announcement of a $12.3 million grant to the Fieldhouse fund drive. The grant was a personal donation from Sheikh Ibn Husayn al-Akhbar of Ru'us al-Jibal.

While no official announcement has been forthcoming, the *Spectator* was confidentially informed of the grant when a reporter became curious about the tent in front of Dunham and investigated. Sheikh al-Akhbar's entourage arrived Friday night and immediately erected the large, striped tent. On Saturday they began dispensing beer to delighted alumni gathering for the football game as a further anonymous expression of good-will and fellowship from the Sheikh.

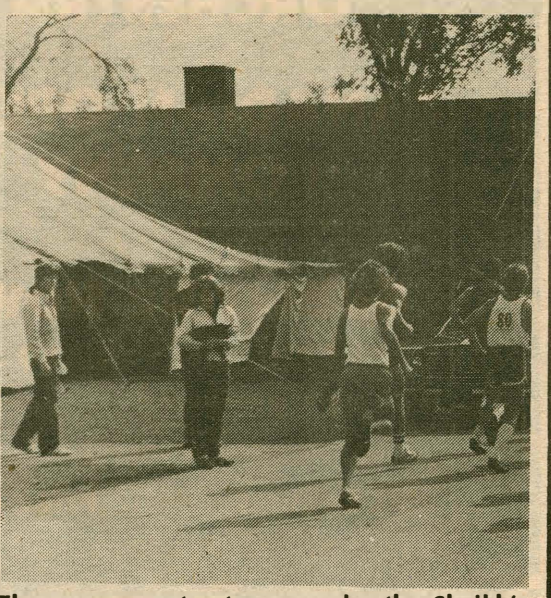
Provost Sidney Wertimer indignantly and emphatically denied that this largesse represents the beginning of an Arab takeover of the College's sports facilities, stating that, "I want to put it on the record, here and now, that this is no indication of a petrodollar buyout. Al-Akhbar's donation was purely philanthropic and comes without strings. I might add that the Sheikh very graciously withdrew the offer of a camel jockey scholarship when we mentioned that it might be inappropriate."

Wertimer is still working on details of the transaction. The process is complicated by the fact that no one in the administration has a clear idea of who Sheikh al-Akhbar is, or the location of Ru'us al-Jibal. "Professor Richardson believes that the Sheikh is from the Musandam Peninsula in Oman, or possibly the United Arab Emirates, but we have been unable to reach the bank of Quasi-Hokem, our contact in the area," said Wertimer.

Asked if the Arabs had commented on the current sports curriculum, Coach Don Jones stated that, "The Sheikh has expressed an interest in cricket and fencing, which he learned at Oxford, and Tai'chi, which he apparently picked up from some Chinese railroad engineers on their way to Tanzania. I think that cricket is out...the grounds are 500 feet by 550 feet, and we just don't have the room."

Coach Manfred Von Schiller, commenting on rumors of a modified intramural program, including the introduction of camel polo, camel marathons, and camel dressage, stated that these sports "have been in the works for quite a while...and have nothing to do with the Arab grant...the choices were made independently."

The only modification actually requested, according to Von Schiller, is the inclusion of many more sand traps on the golf course. "While we wish to oblige the Sheikh, who is unused to playing on grass fairways, we think this idea needs further consideration," he stated.



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The cross country team ran by the Sheikh's tent in appreciation of his boundless generosity.